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SUBJECT: LETTER OF CONGRATULATIONS ON NOBEL PEACE PRIZE FROM  
AFRICAN UNION COMMISSION CHAIRPERSON PING TO THE PRESIDENT

¶1. The United Mission to the African Union (USAU) has received the following letter addressed from the AU Commission Chairperson Jean Ping to President Obama on October 26. Original follows by pouch.  
BEGIN TEXT:

Mr. President,

I was very pleased to learn that you had been awarded the Nobel Peace Prize for this year.

On behalf of the African Union Commission and on my own behalf, I would like to convey to you and the American people our hearty congratulations.

This prestigious award is in recognition of your unwavering commitment and tireless efforts to strengthening dialogue amongst peoples and bringing them closer.

In these difficult times, it also sends a message of hope, encouragement and support to all those who work for peace, justice and security around the world.

The African Union Commission wishes to reiterate its willingness to contribute actively to all initiatives to achieve these noble goals.

Please accept, Mr. President, the assurances of our highest consideration and esteem.

Jean Ping

End Text.